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## **SUMMARY FOR 10-3-16 THROUGH 10-30-16**

This report takes us through week 43 of this year. Although down in most statistical categories, we are up by 104 calls for service over last year's record pace. We continue to have numerous interactions with hostile and mentally unstable people.

## **EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

On 10-1-16, we responded to a call of a disturbance at the Salvation Army located at 5939 Hollywood Blvd. We arrived at the scene as did the LAPD. Our officers contacted the man causing the disturbance. He had injuries and it appeared that he had been in a fight. Paramedics were called, but the man refused treatment. The LAPD left as they received an emergency call. Our officers finally convinced the man to leave the location.

On 10-3-16, we received a call of a man with no pants at 6801 Hollywood Blvd. Upon making contact, our officers saw that he had pants, but they were pulled down and his private parts were exposed. He was convinced to pull up his pants and then left the area.

On 10-4-16, our officer saw a female transient blocking traffic at Selma and Vine. She then tried to open the door of a motorist who was stopped at the red light. The driver rolled up the windows and locked the doors. Our officer approached and ordered the woman to get out of the street. She complied and left the area.

On 10-4-16, our officers conducted a business check at the McDonalds located at 1413 Vine at 9:45 A.M. They found a man sleeping on the walkway. They asked him to get up. He became very angry and started yelling profanities at them. The officers saw that he had a knife in his waistband. They kept some distance and again asked him to leave. The man threw an orange juice at one of the officers drenching his lower pant leg. The officers used great restraint, defused the situation and convinced the angry man to leave.

We have hired our own outreach worker. He has already attended several meetings and has met and shared contact information with several of our outreach partners. In the near future he will be meeting many more. Several of our partners have already offered training and even a space for him to meet with homeless people in need. This is a trial program and his duties will evolve. On 10-11-16, I sent our new worker as well as a BID officer to Youth Trauma training being conducted at the Covenant House.

On 10-13-16, we responded to a call of a man standing in front of 6500 Selma challenging passing motorists to fight. He then attempted to lick a man who was sleeping on the ground. As our officers started to contact the man LAPD officers arrived and handled the call. It appeared that both men had been drinking together.



On 10-14-16, we received a call of a woman exposing her breasts at Calle Taco located at 6508 Hollywood Blvd. Our officers convinced her to get dressed and to leave the location.

The next day on 10-15-16, we went to 33 Taps at 6263 Hollywood Blvd. as they had a partially clad man there. He was also asked to get dressed and to leave.

On 10-18-16, our officers were flagged down by a security guard at Sunset and Wilcox. The guard works at Staples and he had chased the suspect from there. The suspect had stolen 7 backpacks and then fled the store. The guard pointed to the suspect who was sitting inside an RTD bus. The suspect threw the backpacks out of the door of the bus one by one. He then exited the bus and started threatening the guard. When our officers asked the guard if he wanted to make a private person's arrest, the suspect ran. The guard declined to press charges as he only wanted the items returned.

On 10-19-16, I attended the My Friend's Place fund raiser at the Taglyn. Scored some Palladium tickets at the silent auction. Had my eye on four Rams tickets and a basket of paraphernalia, but a very determined woman out bid me at literally the last second.

On 10-24-16, one of our field supervisors met with an LAPD SLO at the library located at 1623 Ivar to discuss security issues and ways we can work together to address them.

On 10-28-16, Housing Works came to the BID area at 3:00 A.M. along with a film crew from the L.A. Times. They were doing a story on some of our most chronic mentally ill homeless people. I had a team on duty at 2:00 A.M. in order to conduct our monthly count of the homeless. I coordinated from home and relayed information from our team. They found one of the people being sought and advised of an encampment of ten people at the Staples and Sunset and Cole as well as a large encampment near Selma and Cherokee.

On 10-29-16, we responded to a call of 3 men dressed as women refusing to leave the Goodwill store located at 1218 Vine. The clerk said that these men had stolen items in the past. The men shouted profanities at our officers as they left. One threatened to come back the next day to "kick everyone's ass".

## **MEETINGS ATTENDED:**

- 1) 10-5--16 LAPD Crime Control
- 2) 10-5-16 Youth Trauma
- 3) 10-11-16 HHOT Outreach
- 4) 10-11-16 SBID Board
- 5) 10-11-16 Client new outreach worker issues
- 6) 10-12-16 Joint BID security
- 7) 10-12-16 LAPD crime control
- 8) 10-17-16 Board members address briefing
- 9) 10-18-16 LAHSA outreach



- 10) 10-19-16 Officer training issues
- 11) 10-19-16 LAPD crime control
- 12) 10-19-16 My Friend's Place fundraiser
- 13) 10-20-16 HBID Board
- 14) 10-25-16 Salvation Army meeting and tour
- 15) 10-26-16 Security issues 6904 Hollywood Blvd.

### **OUTREACH:**

On 10-5-16, our officers found a man down at 6450 Sunset. His leg was badly swollen and he could not get up. We called paramedics who responded and took him to the hospital.

Also on 10-5-16, we responded to a call of a man down on the sidewalk refusing to leave at 6301 Yucca. Our officer spoke to the man and he refused to cooperate. The officer took some time to talk to him and gave him a Starbucks pastry. The man's mood improved greatly and he packed up and left the area.

On 10-6-16, our new outreach worker met the homeless Dan at 1810 Cahuenga. He assessed Dan's needs, which is one of his duties and learned that he needed an ID card, clothing including size 10.5 shoes and a shower. Our worker referred Dan to the Center.

He later spoke to the homeless Theo at 1429 Gower. He came here from Arizona. Our worker gave him shelter and services information. Theo's clothing was tattered and dirty. His size 12.5 shoes were breaking apart. He was also very dirty and said that he needed a shower. Our worker also referred Theo to the Center.

On 10-6-16, our worker spoke to Josh. He met him on the street previously. He is well spoken and respectful of others. He draws some attention as he is a large man. He was offered help from various resources, but refused. The worker believes that Josh is too proud to ask for help. He sits on a bus bench and knits small pouches which he gives away for free. This is an interesting case as Josh is clearly intelligent. We hope to engage with him more to see if we can guide him into housing and services.

On 10-11-16, our outreach worker went out on foot patrol with our PSO's and they contacted Robert in front of the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. They spoke to him about the fact that his pants had fallen down as he slept on the sidewalk. They had a friendly conversation as our officers sought to establish a positive rapport. Robert was hungry so the officers bought him a meal at the McDonalds. They gave him resources for a shower and services.

Our worker was able to learn that Robert has been homeless for about a year. He is unemployed and not seeking work. He said that he is waiting for a cash payment from St. Louis.

The officers then spoke to Marcel. Our outreach worker engaged Marcel in conversation and learned that he has been homeless for over a year and that he is from the



Los Angeles area. He is not currently looking for work and is lately able to sleep at various friends' residences.

Our outreach worker (Max) met 46 year old Celeste at 1605 Ivar. She appeared confused and dirty, but friendly. She has been living on the streets for over 8 years. She came her from White Plains New York seeking better drugs. She prefers meth with salts.

These are just a few examples of the contacts Max has already made. We hope to collect data that will better help us understand who our homeless population is, and what their needs are. We believe that this would help Kerry Morrison and the outreach community plan more effective strategies for helping to end homelessness.

On 10-19-16, we responded to a call of a woman needing assistance on the bus bench in front of 1400 Vine. The officers arrived and saw that the woman was bleeding from a large gash on her forehead. Paramedics were called. They treated her at the scene. We learned that the woman was 65 years old, is homeless, hungry and would like to have a place to live. Our officers took her across the street and bought her a meal at McDonalds. They made arrangements for our outreach worker to contact her.

On 10-26-16, we responded to a call of a woman crying in the restroom and refusing to leave at the McDonalds located at 6776 Hollywood Blvd. The officers arrived and found the woman outside sitting on the sidewalk crying. When asked what was wrong she said that she was hungry and had no cigarettes. Our officer gave her a cigarette and bought her a meal.

On 10-26-16, our PSO's spoke to the homeless Shirley and her husband at 6655 Hollywood Blvd. They recently found a place to stay, but could not afford furniture. They have been sleeping on the floor. The PSO's gave her an air mattress and a couple of blankets.

On 10-27-16, our officers met the homeless 21 year old Trina. She had just arrived in Hollywood with her boyfriend and their 3 dogs. The officers gave the couple information about MFP and other area resources.

On 10-27-16, the homeless "Malcolm" and "Grimm" came to our office seeking jackets due to the inclement weather. We were able to give them hoodies from our small stock of donated clothing.

### **ENFORCEMENT:**

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 239 arrests. Fifteen were for drinking in public, 145 for alcohol referrals, 6 for urinating in public, 34 for trespass, 5 for battery, 10 for blocking the sidewalk, 5 for theft, 4 for miscellaneous misdemeanor, and 15 felonies. We also made 497 homeless referrals, assisted 58 agencies, provided 785 foot



beat patrols for a total of 1257.9 hours, assisted 7800 citizens, handled 3069 radio calls for service and made 14457 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 95 arrests. Ten were for drinking in public, 49 for alcohol referrals, 3 for urinating in public, 13 for trespass, 4 for battery, 8 for blocking the sidewalk, 2 for theft, 3 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 3 for felony. We also made 461 homeless referrals, assisted 31 agencies, provided 184 foot beat patrols for a total of 224.1 hours, assisted 5013 citizens, handled 2199 radio calls for service, and made 2753 business contacts.

The combined arrest totals for both BIDS are 334 arrests. Twenty five for drinking in public, 194 for alcohol referrals, 9 for urinating in public, 47 for trespass, 9 for battery, 18 for blocking the sidewalk, 7 for theft, 7 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 18 for felonies. We also made a combined total of 958 homeless referrals, assisted 89 agencies, provided 969 foot beat patrols for a total of 1482 hours, assisted 12813 citizens, handled 5268 radio calls for service, and made 17,210 business contacts.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

On Saturday 10-8-16, we responded to a call of a man starting a small fire in front of California Wings located at 1649 Cahuenga. The man was blocking the sidewalk and our officers asked him to get up. He grabbed a 4" blade knife from the sidewalk and stood. He held the knife with the blade down in what the officers described as a fighting grip. He then threatened the officers with the knife.

He began swinging the arm with the knife in a slicing motion as he approached the officers. People coming out of area businesses found themselves in this man's path. Another team of our officers arrived and they directed the people in the businesses to stay inside. Our other team was faced with a possible deadly force situation. We called for the LAPD while our officers were able to go into the street and take cover behind parked cars as they monitored the man as he headed northbound on Cahuenga.

Another of our teams stopped southbound pedestrian traffic so people would not come into contact with the man. We have had contacts in the recent past where he has threatened to kill BID officers. We directed the LAPD to the suspect's location and they took him into custody at gun point.

The officers placed a 5150 hold and the man was sent to Olive View Hospital. I called the Department of Mental Health and explained that this man was a severe danger to himself and others. I feared that he will end up stabbing someone or will himself be injured if he continues these threats and attacks. They agreed to get involved, but we then learned that he had been released on Sunday after only one day in the facility.

This man has recently reappeared in the BID area.



On 10-12-16, we responded to a call of a person taking off their clothes at the Starbucks located at 6290 Hollywood Blvd. When our officers arrived they were flagged down by an employee from Hollywood Burger as the person was now at that location. Our officers saw the person knocking over chairs and an umbrella stand. The person then hit an employee in the back of the head with a right fist. The suspect was placed under arrest for battery.

On 10-16-16, we received a call of a man sleeping in the alcove of the Pie Hole located at 6314 Hollywood Blvd. Our officers contacted the man (Robert). He got up, but became increasingly aggressive. He had a machete affixed to his right hip in a sheath. He shouted threats at the officers and then stepped towards them. Robert continued shouting threats, but he did not advance further or un-sheath the machete. Our back-up units stopped pedestrians from walking up on the very agitated Robert..

LAPD officers arrived and were able to take the suspect into custody without further incident. We then learned that he had six outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

On 10-18-16, we received a call of a woman refusing to leave the Starbucks located at 6290 Sunset Blvd. The manager told us that he had asked the woman to leave several times because she kept exposing her breasts to customers. She still refused to leave so she was arrested for trespass.

On 10-23-16, our officers saw a man standing on the hood of a parked car at 6314 Yucca He kicked out the windshield and entered the car. When our officers approached he said that it was OK as it was his girlfriend's car. We called the LAPD. Our Sgt. asked the man to sit on the curb until the LAPD arrived. He complied.

After the LAPD arrived we learned that the man was angry at his ex-girlfriend. It was interesting to learn that he had broken into the wrong car. The owner was not amused when he came out and saw the damage. The man was arrested for felony car burglary.

On 10-30-16, we arrested Ronald for drinking in public at 6435 Yucca. He asked for help in battling his alcoholism. Instead of placing him under arrest we gave him a referral to the AA treatment at 1820 Las Palmas. We also gave him information on where to get a meal.

#### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During this period we worked from 6:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday through Saturday and 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. This included officers in vehicles, bicycles, T3's and on foot.

## **TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period our officers received training in blood borne pathogens, report writing, live fire range and legal update.